

May 30, 2012

## **TALKING POINTS**

### **ALBUS BROOKS DENVER CITY COUNCILMAN**

**Time: 3-4 minutes.**

**Intro: One-minute introduction will include name, title and very brief bio.**

**Info: "Applause" is noted in talking points – this is where we would like to hit applause for purposes of video edit and event pacing.**

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- Thank you and welcome to your new Church of Scientology. I was thrilled to hear you were moving into this historic building, just blocks from my district. It's a magnificent building and you've done great work with it so congratulations. **Applause**
- I started my work in education and building leadership because I believe every child should have the opportunity to fulfill their dream.
- I then started in politics because I saw one too many kids grow up without being given opportunities and without a training ground where they could learn real tools for life and apprentice in them.
- I believe that every child has a right to life and a right to education.
- You understand that – in fact it's in your human rights program (the right to life and the right to education).
- Education is at the core of all your humanitarian initiatives, your literacy and tutoring programs. Your programs are very impressive, as is the fact they're universal; public service to the fullest extent of that phrase—what we need. **Applause**

- As an elected official—while setting policy for our City is critical, it can only set the playing field and rules, the rest is up to the players and how well they work as a team.
- That's why my entire purpose is to create connection. Because that's what a team is, it's a connected unit. A team communicates and thrives off of each other's ideas and as a whole, works toward a common goal.
- We live in a diverse community here in Denver, but it is not connected. So we have to create an environment of interaction and camaraderie.
- Every step we take together toward creating opportunity and mentoring youth, we are building a new generation of leadership.
- That's where you all come in. Leaders within churches and faith-based organizations are absolutely vital because they are connected to the community and established within the practices of their own faith.
- I can see that the Church of Scientology is innovative and active in their response to the changing social landscape.
- I've seen an awful lot of groups. I've seen an awful lot of churches. There's plenty of talk out there, but you are doing the work. **Applause**
- We need more of it. Having your new church move into this district is a great fortune/godsend.

### **CLOSING LINE:**

- I want to make Denver known as the Mile-High City for the fact anyone can reach their goals no matter how high. I know you are all about target attainment and reaching star-high goals. This new church is testament to that, and I know there is so much more that will evolve from here.

You came to the right place, I am seriously happy to have you in the neighborhood.